

Title 17. Professions, Occupations, and Businesses

Chapter XLIV. Contractors Licensing Board, Department of Labor and Licensing

Subchapter A. Generally

Part 256. Grants

Subpart 1. Organization and Administration

17 CAR § 256-101. Administration of grant.

(a)(1) The Contractors Licensing Board shall administer the construction industry training grants within the policies set by the board.

(2) All formal communications shall be addressed to or signed by the Administrator of the Contractors Licensing Board.

(b) The final responsibility for setting selection criteria and choosing the grantees shall rest with the board.

(c) This part shall govern the construction industry training grants given to:

- (1) Apprenticeship programs;
- (2) Secondary schools offering construction training programs; and
- (3) Coalitions of such programs.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-25-203.

Subpart 2. Grant Eligibility Criteria

17 CAR § 256-201. Grant eligibility criteria — Apprenticeship programs.

(a) To be eligible to receive a construction industry training grant, an apprenticeship program must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The program must be performing actual construction work in Arkansas;
- (2) The training must take place in Arkansas; and

(3) The program or programs must be approved by, or registered with, the State Apprenticeship Committee and/or the United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

(b)(1) Only construction-related apprenticeship programs will be approved for grant funding.

(2) The list of programs includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (A) Welding;
- (B) Plumbing;
- (C) Carpentry;
- (D) Equipment operator;
- (E) Laborer;
- (F) Sheet metal working;
- (G) Electrical;
- (H) Ironworker;
- (I) HVACR mechanic;
- (J) Boilermaker;
- (K) Painting;
- (L) Glazing; and
- (M) Insulation worker.

(c)(1) In determining whether to issue a grant to a qualified apprenticeship program, the Contractors Licensing Board will consider the following factors.

(2) Other factors not listed may be considered based on the board's discretion:

- (A) Will the proposal give useful training to the apprenticeship students?;
- (B) Will there be any matching federal/state/local/private funds to further achieve the goals of the grant request?; and
- (C) Will the grant serve as 'seed money' or will there be a perceived need for ongoing funding from the board in future years?.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-25-203.

Codification Notes. "HVACR" means heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration.

17 CAR § 256-202. Grant eligibility — Secondary schools.

To be eligible to receive a construction industry training grant, a secondary school must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The program must be offered by an Arkansas public secondary school;
- (2)(A) Only construction-related programs will be approved for grant funding.

(B) The list of programs includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (i) Welding;
- (ii) Plumbing;
- (iii) Carpentry;
- (iv) Equipment operator;
- (v) Laborer;
- (vi) Sheet metal worker;
- (vii) Electrical;
- (viii) Ironworker;
- (ix) HVACR mechanic;
- (x) Boilermaker;
- (xi) Painting;
- (xii) Glazing; and
- (xiii) Insulation worker; and

(3)(A) In determining whether to issue a grant to a qualified public secondary school, the Contractors Licensing Board will consider the following factors.

(B) Other factors not listed may be considered based on the board's discretion:

- (i) Will the proposal attract secondary students to careers in the construction industry?;
- (ii) Will the proposal give useful training to the students?;

(iii) Will there be any matching federal/state/local/private funds to further achieve the goals of the grant request?; and

(iv) Will the grant serve as 'seed money' or will there be a perceived need for ongoing funding from the board in future years?.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-25-203.

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Subpart 3. Applications

17 CAR § 256-301. Application process.

(a) Application.

(1) The application form can be obtained from the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board staff.

(2) The deadline will be established by the board.

(b) **Minimum standards.** Monies for this program are available to qualified construction programs only as determined by the board.

(c) **Submission of applications.** All apprenticeship programs, secondary schools offering construction industry training, and coalitions of such programs may apply for grant funding.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-25-203.

Subpart 4. Award Process

17 CAR § 256-401. Board discretion to award.

(a) The Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board shall have the discretion to determine which programs will receive the grant funding based on the board's objectives to advance training and education in the construction industry.

(b) The board shall have the discretion to determine which grant applications to fund and to set the specific amount of each grant.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-25-203.

Subpart 5. Grant Payment

17 CAR § 256-501. Payment policies.

(a)(1) Arkansas construction industry training grants are not automatically renewable.

(2) Programs must apply each year, and the Contractors Licensing Board has the discretion to determine which grants will be awarded, if any.

(b)(1) The grant funds shall be used only for the advancement of construction-related training and education.

(2) Grant funds shall only be used as set out in the applicant's grant request, as approved by the board.

(c) The board has the right to review and revisit its determination to distribute grant funds at any time.

(d) All grant recipients must agree to provide a complete accounting of all grant funds expended at the request of the board.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 17-25-203.